

As a former small market broadcaster and a current XM Radio customer I am against any efforts to keep XM Radio from airing its traffic and weather channels. These provide round the clock service that no AM or FM station cares to cover. With all of the rules that have taken radio ownership out of the hands of individuals and given it to a few large corporations the idea of public service is as extinct as a rotary dial telephone. The Satellite radio business is just another method of using the best technology to serve the public. I would like to see MORE not less programming. I believe Local Radio and Television still has a vital role to play. But so do the emerging technologies of Internet and Satellite services. Do not let the idea of open competition be swamped by the self interests of the NAB.

We seem to be over reacting to so many issues now. We get all hyped over a momentary exposure of a human female breast and yet we allow all sorts of near pornography on our over the air channels every day. Let's spend more energy in finding ways to maximize the use of the spectrum.

Thank you.  
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